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SUBJECT: LIBYANS AND SOVIETS TAKE THEIR LUMPS IN CAIRO DAILIES

1. CAIRO DAILIES MARCH 11 PROMINENTLY FEATURE SADAT INTERVIEW WITH SUNA WHICH ROUNDLY CONDEMNS LIBYAN/SOVIET COLLUSION. GUMHURIA SINGLES OUT SADAT'S STATEMENT THAT LIBYANS AND SOVIETS RESPONSIBLE FOR ABETTING "BARBAROUS" ETHIOPIAN REPRESSION OF ERITREAN REVOLUTION. ALTHOUGH ETHIOPIA DULY CRITICIZED IN CAIRO PRESS TREATMENT MOST HEATED SALVOS RESERVED FOR SOVIETS AND LIBYANS.

2. AHRAH MARCH 11 "LEARNS" FROM GDSSI SOURCES LIBYAN PLOT, INVOLVING BOMBING AND SABOTAGE CAMPAIGN DURING MARCH 7-9
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SUMMIT, DISCOVERED AND ABORTED. ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN SECURITY SOURCES, FIVE LIBYAN "AGENTS" FROM AWLAD ALI TRIBE OF WESTERN DESERT ARRESTED WITH EXPLOSIVES AND HAVE CONFESSED RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING SABOTAGE CAMPAIGN FROM LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE.

3. CONTINUING ANTI-LIBYAN THEME, ALL DAILIES CARRY FRONT PAGE PICTURE OF IMAD AL-DIN ABU RAQIQ, CONVICTED OF PLANTING EXPLOSIVES

IN GOE OFFICE BUILDING ON TAHRIR SQUARE LAST AUGUST, WHO EXECUTED
AT DAWN MARCH 10.

4. COMMENT: SADAT STATEMENT TO SUNA CONCERNING LIBYAN/SOVIET/
ETHIOPIAN DEPRADATIONS AGAINST ERITREAN REVOLUTION CLOSEST IN
EMBASSY MEMORY THAT SADAT HAS COME TO PUBLICLY ADVOCATING
ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE. ALTHOUGH STATEMENT MADE TO SUDANESE
NEWS AGENCY, GUMHURIA SECOND-LEAD TREATMENT OF STATEMENT SUGGESTS
THAT SADAT COMMENTS NOT INTENDED MERELY FOR INTERNAL SUDANESE
CONSUMPTION. GOE REVIVAL OF ANTI-LIBYAN CAMPAIGN APPARENTLY
COINCIDES WITH ENDING OF AFRO/ARAB SUMMIT AND DEPARTURE OF LIBYAN
MINSTATE TURAYKI FROM CAIRO. EGYPTIANS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN
PLEASED BY PERSISTENT, AND AT TIMES FLAGRANT,
ANTI-SADAT MANEUVERING BY TURAYKI DURING SUMMIT.
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